

Town and County staff spoke with Ms. Harlan today about the assessment fees and noted that this was for work in 2020 and inspection fees for 2021. The fee breakdowns are:

APN 529-23-019: 3100 Square feet at \$5.40 per 100 square feet for \$167.40 and the administrative fee that is assessed when work is done by the contractor of \$984 for a total of \$1151.40, plus to inspection fee to 2021 of \$84 bringing the grand total to \$1,235.40. Pictures of the work are attached.

APN 529-23-020: 900 Square feet at \$5.40 per 100 square feet for \$48.60 and the administrative fee that is assessed when work is done by the contractor of \$984 for a total of \$1032.60, plus to inspection fee to 2021 of \$84 bringing the grand total to \$1,116.60. Pictures of the work are attached.

From: MARILYN HARLAN
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 8:01 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: contesting weed abatement charges

August 2, 2021

To: Los Gatos Town Council, via Los Gatos Town Clerk

And Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Division

This email addresses a highly questionable county bill against APN 529-23-019 Marilyn S. Harlan, Trustee and Owner APN 529-23-020 Benjamin J. and Shari Shanker.

The Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Division somehow has this summer charged Harlan \$1,235.40, Shanker \$1,116.60 for county contracted weed abatement supposedly done on July 27, 2020. The Shankers' gardener cleared both properties before the July 27 date the county contractor reportedly claims to have worked on the properties. We have received no itemization for the contractor's bill. We each paid the gardener specifically \$500 (a total of \$1000) for clearing the grass specifically. There is no way the property needed the additional work claimed.

I had no idea we were being charged for a weed abatement problem in 2020 until a Los Gatos Town Council letter announcing an August 3 public hearing on the matter arrived around the 16th of July.

The Shankers are on a trip out of the country and can't attend the meeting. Neither can I. My reasons include, but are not limited to, the fact that I am necessarily caregiving a severely medically compromised friend just released from an ICU hospital bed and can't attend the meeting or a virtual meeting.

We contest these charges and hereby formally request their expedited removal from our tax bill.

Meanwhile, please provide me and Shanker with the contractor's business name who billed the county on this matter and a copy of his or her itemized billing, including time and materials.

Yours truly,
Marilyn Harlan



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